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Pennsylvania June Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA, July 1, 2010 - - - The estimates of planted and harvested acreages in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted the first 2 weeks of June.

Based on acreage planted by June 1, 2010 and intended acres that remained to be planted, the Keystone state's farmers expect to harvest more acres of barley, corn grain, oats, soybeans, and tobacco than in 2009. Fewer acres of wheat are expected to be harvested in 2010, while all dry hay acreage for harvest is expected to be unchanged according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,350,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Growers expect to harvest 940,000 acres of corn for grain, up 20,000 acres from a year ago. Soybean acreage planted is estimated at 470,000 acres, up 20,000 from last year. This is a record high for soybean acres planted in Pennsylvania. Ten percent of this year's soybean acres are expected to be planted following another harvested crop, unchanged from last year. Soybean acreage for harvest is estimated at 465,000 acres for 2010, up 4 percent from the 445,000 acres harvested last year.

Oat acreage planted in 2010 is estimated at 110,000, unchanged from a year ago. Growers expect to harvest 85,000 acres for grain, which is 5,000 acres more than last year. Winter wheat acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 155,000 acres, down 20,000 acres or 11 percent from last year. Barley acreage for harvest, at 50,000, is up 5,000 acres or 11 percent from 2009.

All acres for harvest of dry hay in 2010 are estimated at 1,550,000, unchanged from last year. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for dry hay, at 450,000 acres, are down 50,000 acres or 10 percent from last year. All other dry hay, at 1,100,000 acres, is down 50,000 acres from last year.

Tobacco acres for harvest increased 4 percent from a year ago with growers expecting to harvest 8,500 acres, compared to 8,200 acres last year. Of these acres, 2,200 acres are expected to be Southern Maryland type tobacco, 2,100 acres of Pennsylvania seedleaf type tobacco, and the remaining 4,200 acres expected to be light air-cured burley tobacco.

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At the United States level, the 2010 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.9 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.0 million acres for grain, also up 2 percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 99 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared with the 10-year average of 98 percent.

The 2010 soybean planted area is estimated at 78.9 million acres, up 2 percent from 2009. Planted area increased from last year in 18 out of 31 States, and is the largest U.S. planted acreage on record. Area for harvest is forecast at 78.0 million acres, also up 2 percent from 2009, and will also be the largest on record, if realized.

The 2010 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009 but up slightly from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.1 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Area seeded to oats for the 2010 crop year totaled 3.18 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year and the lowest on record. Growers expect to harvest 1.32 million acres, down 5 percent from 2009. Producers seeded 2.97 million acres of barley for the 2010 crop year, down 17 percent from the previous year. This is the lowest barley seeded acreage on record, well below the previous record low of 3.45 million acres established in 2006. Harvested area, forecasted at 2.55 million acres, is down 18 percent from 2009, and if realized, will be the lowest since 1883.

Producers intend to harvest 59.7 million acres of all hay in 2010, down slightly from 2009. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 20.7 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2009. Expected area for harvest for all other types of hay totals 38.9 million acres, up 1 percent from 2009.

United States all tobacco area for harvest in 2010 is estimated at 327,270 acres, down 8 percent from 2009. Acreage decreases from 2009 in flue-cured, fire-cured, and burley more than offset increases in dark air-cured, Southern Maryland belt, and cigar type tobacco.